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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TREE WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Reference: H09-0744-23 **Date of Decision:** 6th September 2023

Applicant: Mr M Waterfall
2 The Chase
Holbeach
Spalding
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PE12 7EX

Location: 2 The Chase Holbeach Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Holbeach Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to remove a mature beech tree in the rear garden of 2 The Chase, Holbeach.

'Fagus sylvatica copper beech, in rear garden, removal due to disease, Ganoderma. Proposed replacement 'Betula utilis'.

South Holland District Council has considered the proposal and has no objections, subject to any recommendation set out below;

- 1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this letter of 'No Objection'.
- 2 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.
- 3 The resulting stump of the tree should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level, to help reduce the risk of the stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

The necessary consent of all other interested parties should be obtained before the works proceed.

It may be advisable to obtain the opinion of a qualified arboriculturalist regarding the potential effect that the removal of the tree could have on nearby built structures. (Sometimes when a large tree is removed this can cause some soil movement, either due to the rotting of sizeable roots, or due to changes in the water content of the soil. The most pronounced effects are usually where there are clay soils. With the removal of a tree which sucks gallons of water out of the soil every day, the excess water can cause the soil to expand, a condition known as heave).

When a tree which is dead, dying or dangerous, is removed from a Conservation Area; in this case the duty of the landowner is to plant another tree, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible.

It is recommended that the tree is replaced with a *Betulus utilis* of at least 1.5 metres high on planting as near as reasonably practicable, to the position of the original tree, within a period of twelve months. (Ideally ensure that the replacement is regularly watered in dry periods for at least the first two years to ensure that its roots become well established).

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree. Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 empowers this Authority to issue a Notice formally requiring replacement trees to be planted.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. In the event of query please contact Natural England on Tel: 03000 603900.

Bats are protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and in the event that bats are living in any cavities in the tree(s), or if they are discovered while the works are taking place, please inform Natural England on Tel: 03000 603900 before works proceed.



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